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1. Enclosure (1) is submitted per reference (a).

D. G. FRY

USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719) COMMAND HISTORY - 2004

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION: 1 Jan 2004 - 31 Dec 2004

Commander, Submarine Group TWO (ISIC): RADM J. B. Cassias

Commanding Officer USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719): CDR D. G. Fry

Homeport: Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Unit Identification Code: 21029

Command Structure:

Executive Officer: LCDR G. M. Hendrick

Mission: Complete Engineered Overhaul to certify hull and equipment for continued operation and to upgrade combat capability.

CHRONOLOGY:

01 JAN	SHIP IS IN DRYDOCK 1 AT PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD (PNSY)
	UNDERGOING ENGINEERED OVERHAUL
17 SEP	CHANGE OF COMMAND
15 NOV	UNDocked SHIP/MOVED TO PIER 11B AT PNSY
22 OCT	PROMULGATION DATE FOR CHANGE OF HOMEPORT TO GROTON, CT

NARRATIVE:

The PROVIDENCE team began 2004 in the midst of the first ever Los Angeles class submarine Engineered Overhaul-the ship's first overhaul since it was launched on 4 August 1984. Major modernization efforts in progress include the installation of the latest sonar and combat control systems as well as the first submarine installation of the generic (type II microprocessor) reactor instrumentation and control system.

Much of PROVIDENCE's command structure changed in 2004 due to planned personnel rotation. The most notable change occurred on 17 September 2004 when CDR D. G. Fry relieved CDR J. H. Kan in a change of command ceremony that occurred on Portsmouth Naval Shipyard at the Squalus memorial. Captain Earl Yerger, Commander, Southeast Region Repair/Training, was the guest speaker and Captain Greg Billy, Commander, Submarine Force U. S. Atlantic Fleet Representative at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard received the relief reports. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard museum. The change of command invitations, script, speeches, program, pictures, message and related news articles are included as supporting documentation.

On 22 October 2004, in preparation for change of homeport coincident with completion of overhaul, the Chief of Naval Operations released the message officially changing PROVIDENCE's homeport from Portsmouth, NH to Groton, CT effective 10 March 2005. This message (included in supporting documentation) also reestablished COMSUBRON FOUR, vice COMSUBGRU TWO, as PROVIDENCE's Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC).

As a result of PROVIDENCE's superb performance during 2003, we were informed in 2004 that those PROVIDENCE crewmembers onboard for 30 or more

days between 10 February 2003 and 7 June 2003 were eligible for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM). Additionally, in accordance with NAVADMIN 273/04, those Sailors on PROVIDENCE that participated in both OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM will also be eligible for the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOTSM) upon approval of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Combatant Commander. PROVIDENCE was also one of only three East Coast Los Angeles Class Submarines to be awarded the COMFLTFORCOM Retention Excellence Award for fiscal year 2004.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- A. Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
- B. Command Philosophy
- C. Change of Homeport Message
- D. Change of Command Pamphlet
- E. Change of Command Announcement Message
- F. Change of Command Script
- G. Change of Command Pictures (Index and 13 JPEG files)
- H. Change of Command News Articles

ROUTINE

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FM USS PROVIDENCE

TO COMSUBGRU TWO

INFO COMSUBLANT NORFOLK VA  
COMSUBRON FOUR  
NAVSHIPYD PORTSMOUTH NH  
COMSUBLANT SHIPYARD REP PORTSMOUTH NH  
ALL NAVACTS NEW LONDON CT

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SUBJ/USS PROVIDENCE CHANGE OF COMMAND//

RMKS/1. CDR D. G. FRY, USN, RELIEVED CDR J. H. KAN, USN, AS  
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